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For:—DERMAL-PENETRATION-ENHancers-AND-DRUG-DELIVERY-SYSTEMS-INVOLVING  
SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We are simultaneously filing herewith a divisional application of United States Serial No. 09/125,436, filed December 18, 1998. Please enter the following amendment in the divisional application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, on the line below the title, insert 1— This is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/125,436, filed December 18, 1998, which is a national phase of PCT/AU97/00091 filed February 19, 1997 --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-38 and add the following new claims:

39. A transdermal drug delivery system which comprises:

a therapeutically effective amount of at least one physiologically active agent or prodrug thereof; and

at least one dermal penetration enhancer present in an amount of from 10 to 10,000 wt% based on the weight of the active agent or prodrug thereof; wherein the dermal penetration enhancer is at least one of